

# Tripler Army Medical Center Obstetric Anesthesia Service

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Tripler Army Medical Center's Obstetric Anesthesia Service offers comprehensive obstetric anesthesia services for patients 24 hours a day.

At TAMC, our team of highly skilled Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetists (CRNAs) and Anesthesiologists work together with obstetricians, nurse midwives, and specialized labor and delivery nurses, to make the birth experience as safe and comfortable as possible for you and your baby. Dedicated obstetrical anesthesia providers are immediately and exclusively available at the labor unit at all times.

When you arrive at TAMC for delivery, your medical history will be reviewed by an anesthesia provider. You will have the opportunity to meet with an anesthesia provider and discuss different options for labor pain management. This gives you an opportunity to get your questions answered about different methods of pain control as well anesthesia services for cesarean section (C-sections), postpartum tubal ligations, and postpartum repairs. Typically, more than 70 percent of patients receive regional (typically epidural) anesthesia for labor.

In addition to anesthesia for patients in labor, we also provide services for other obstetrical procedures such as cervical cerclage placement and external cephalic version (ECV). Our anesthesia team is an integral part of a multidisciplinary team of specialists that cares for patients with complex obstetric conditions. We hold multidisciplinary team meetings to coordinate care for patients. In addition, the anesthesia care team meets twice daily with the rest of the obstetric care team to discuss every patient on the labor unit, with the goal of ensuring comprehensive, well-organized care.